

## THE DECAY OF STONE.

Nature Always at Work in a Perpetual Series of Alterations.

Whoever expects to find a stone that will stand from century to century, deriding alike the frigid rains and scorching solar rays without need of reparation, will indeed search for "the philosopher's stone." There is scarcely a substance which, after having been exposed to the action of the atmosphere for a considerable time, does not exhibit proofs of "weathering," it may even be observed on the most densely compacted siliceous rocks. The fullest extent of this inquiry can only be to elucidate relative duration and comparative labor of appropriation to useful or ornamental purposes.

By examining the various productions of nature we find evident proofs of her industry in all ages; changes have been going on from the remotest antiquity to the present time on every substance that comes within our observation. All the actual combinations of matter have had a former existence in some other state. Nothing exists in nature but what is likely to change its condition and manner of being. No material is so durable as always to retain its present appearance, for the most solid and compact bodies have not such a degree of impenetrability and so close a union of the parts which compose them as to be exempted from ultimate dissolution.

Even in the great globe which we inhabit nothing is more evident to geologists than a perpetual series of alterations; there can be discovered no vestige of a beginning, no prospect of an end. In some bodies these changes are not so frequent and remarkable as in others, though equally certain at a more distant period. The venerable remains of Egyptian splendor, many of them executed in the hardest granite between 3,000 and 4,000 years since, exhibit large portions of exfoliation and gradual decay, thereby following the primitive, immutable and universal order of causes and effects, namely, that all objects possess the materials of which they are composed only for a limited time, during which some powerful agent effects their decomposition and sets the elementary particles at liberty again to form other equally perfect combinations. Thus by divine and unerring laws order is restored amidst apparent confusion.—Architect.

## THE SEATS OF THE MIGHTY.

Smallpox Is No Respector of Persons—Attacks Small and Great.

The czarina is down with the smallpox, recently wrote Edgar Saltus in Collier's Weekly. Many another has been too. The Saracens found the disease in Africa and introduced it in Europe. That was 1,200 years ago. Until Jenner came it was fashionable among all classes. Said the fourteenth Louis of France: "I have the smallpox." A courtier answered: "Sire, so has every one." He was not sympathetic merely, he was exact. It heightened Queen Elizabeth's absence of beauty. William III. gave it to one of his pages, and, that the honor might be becomingly remembered, gave him the duchy of Portland also. Maria Theresa had it. So did Queen Mary. It was epidemic in palaces. But it was not confined to thrones. When it reached this part of the world it singularly aided the civilizing influences of Spain. Out of Mexico alone it took nearly 4,000,000 people. In South America its helpfulness was relatively as great. Then, returning to Europe, it depopulated the Northland. A century ago Jenner got to work at it. Thereafter its efficiency waned. The czarina is the first modern sovereign whom it has attacked. One may regret that it should have done so. This lady is one of the prettiest women in Europe. As a young girl she was regarded as the fairest of the princesses. As empress she is unexcelled. As czarina she sits on a seat so high that she overlooks two continents. In her diadem the dominion of all the Russian gleams. In her scepter is the fate of kingdoms. Nature made her fair, destiny great. One might fancy her blessed beyond all other women. Yet neither beauty nor power served to protect her. Her husband has interested himself elsewhere. In his place smallpox has come. "Who is happy?" Mirabeau was asked. "Some miserable wretch," he answered. No plain woman need envy the czarina.

## More Than Laconic.

"Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "you know you said almost two hours ago you were going to tell me just how much you thought the average man amounted to."

She turned upon him a look of silent inquiry.

"You have said absolutely nothing since then."

"Well," she answered, "that's what I think he amounts to."—Washington Star.

The oldest freemason in New England is William Earle Cook, of Portsmouth, R. I., who has just celebrated his one hundred and first birthday.

## Hopkinsville Produce Market.

Cash prices paid by Hopkinsville merchants:

Bacon—	
Hams—country	74@8c
Shoulders	44@5c
Sides	6@6 1/2c
Lard	54@6c
Country Produce—	
Butter	16c
Eggs	8c
New feathers	30@32c
Beeswax	20@22c
Tallow	22@24c
Ginseng, per lb.	\$2@2.25
Honey	10c
Tub-washed wool	28@30c
Greased	18@20c
Burly wool	10@14c
Poultry—	
Old chickens, live, per lb.	5 1/2@6c
Roosters	2 1/2c
Turkeys, per lb.	6c
Ducks	4c
Grain—	
Clover, per bushel	\$3
Oats, home grown, per bu.	35@38c
Corn	35c
Wheat	95c

Live stock—	
Hogs	\$3@3.50
Sheep	\$2.50@3.50
Cattle	\$2.50@4
Calves	\$3.50@4
Hides and Furs—	
Green hides	6@7c
Green salted hides	8c
Dry flint	10@12c

Vegetables—	
New potatoes, per bushel	50c
Cabbage, per barrel	50c

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Washington, May 18.—First Lieut. Charles Young, of the Ninth cavalry, has been relieved from duty at Wilberforce University, Ohio, in order that he may accept the position of Major of the Ninth battalion of the Colored Ohio Volunteer infantry. Lieut. Young is the only colored officer in the line of the army. This is said to be the first instance in which a colored officer has been given command of a battalion of troops in the army.

## Big Gift Of Hair.

A few weeks ago a hairdresser in Paris received an offer of 80 pounds' weight of hair from a convent near Tours. This represented the tresses of 300 novices who had entered the convent, for on taking a veil they were, of course, obliged to have their locks shorn.

The First District Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the Christian church in Fulton next Saturday for a three days' session.

## L. & N. TIME TABLE.

TRAINS SOUTH.	
No. 55—Hopkinsville Ac.	6:15 a. m.
No. 53—Fast Line	6:00 a. m.
No. 51—Fast Mail	5:13 p. m.
No. 91—N. O. Limited	11:16 p. m.
TRAINS NORTH.	
No. 92—Chicago Limited	9:36 a. m.
No. 52—St. Lou. Ex. & mail	10:18 a. m.
No. 56—Hopkinsville Ac.	8:25 p. m.
No. 46—Fast Line	9:48 p. m.

Nashville Accommodation does not run on Sunday.

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## CHASM BRIDGED AT LAST.

Ex-Confederates and Federals Raise a Regiment Down in North Carolina.

Mt. Airy, N. C., May 18.—The war with Spain has done what nothing else possible could have done—it has wiped out the hatred that existed in some sections of the South between the soldiers who fought for the blue and those who fought for the gray in the "late unpleasantness."

In the Blue Ridge mountains a grizzled old soldier who fought with Sheridan, and one who was ever loyal to Lee, have gone to work to raise a regiment of old soldiers of both armies. In many little villages every old soldier offered his services, but it was thought best to enlist only the most able-bodied. On the ridge last week a meeting of the recruits was held, and a jollification was the result. Men who had lived in the same voting districts and were friends before the civil war, but who hadn't spoken since, shook hands and cut capers like boys. It was nothing to see an old Yank walking around arm in arm talking about "them dod gasted, infernal Spanish; how we'll make 'em dust."

The chasm has been bridged and all are united to give their lives, if need be, for their country. Nowhere is the obliterating of sectional lines and the reuniting of the blues and grays seen as it is in this State, where hundreds of volunteers, besides the State's quota, can be had for the asking, to "clean out the dod-rotted dog eaters," as the soldiers express it.

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## Teddy's Terrors.

San Antonio, May 18.—One hundred and seventy men have arrived from the Indian Territory, making a total of nearly 900. Many of the horses collected in Texas are wild and have never been shod. The daily exhibitions of breaking them to saddle equal any wild west show. With the exception of Hamilton Fish, the New York swells are in troop K. Woodbury Kane has received his commission as first lieutenant of that troop. Reginald Ronalds, Willie Tiffany and Samuel Devoe are sergeants, and Henry Bull, son a well known Wall-street broker, James B. Taylor and Robert B. Ferguson, a relative of Lieut. Col. Roosevelt, are corporals. As privates, these men did guard duty, watered the horses, swept out the barracks and did their share of manual labor alongside of the cow punchers.

Mr. W. F. Cox, of Gracey, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

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MILK PANS—The biggest cut we have ever made, 1 qt. 3c, 4 qt. 4c, 6 qt. 5c, 10 qt. 8c, 12 qt. 10c.

**Pudding Pans.**

2 qt. 3c, 3 qt. 4c, 4 qt. 5c, 5 qt. 6c, 6 qt. 7c.

Plain Pie Pans—9 in. 2c, 9 in. steel lined pie plates 3c.

Child's A B C Plates 3c, 9 in. jelly tin 3c, Mountain Cake Tins 4c, Tube Cake Pans 5c, Turke head jelly mould 4c, Muffin pans, deep corn cobs, 6 cups 5c, extra deep and heavy, 6 cups 8c, stamped turke head, 12 cups for 15c; 1 lot square bread pans at 5c. Animal cake cutters, assorted designs and sizes, choice 3c. Ladle made of heavy plate stamped bowl at 5c, other styles of ladles and skimmers at 5c. Large kitchen spoons, extra heavy, from 3 to 12c, 1 pt. dipper 3c, 1 qt. dipper 4c, 2 qt. dipper 5c, large kitchen dipper 7c.

Stamped retained extra long handle, 14 qt. 6c, 2 qt. 6c, 2 qt. 7c, 4 qt. 10c. Deep preserving kettles, stamped, heavy retained, with handle and ball, from 5c to 15c.

**Trays and Waiters.**

Trays and waiters 5, 9, 25, 35, etc. Covered deep sauce pans, made of good quality tin plate, double seamed and covered rim top, long iron handle, riveted, for 12c, worth double.

COFFEE POTS—Patent bottom coffee pots, enameled knob, strong handle and hinge cover, 1 qt. 7c, 2 qt. 8c, 3 qt. 11c, 4 qt. 12c. Coffee boilers from 17c to 35c. Oatmeal shaped tin pots from 15 to 20c.

Milk strainers at Rackel prices. Cullenders, made from heavy tin plate handle and high foot, perforated bottom and side at 7c, 2 qt. milk can for 10c, funnels from 2 to 8c, 1 qt. graduate measures 4c.

**Dinner Pails 15c to 28c.**

Steamers at 18 and 20c.

Infant bath tubs at \$1, japanned foot tubs for 25c, japanned slop pail 25c.

Bread and cake boxes for 25c, 38c, 47c.

Large size cuspidors for 12c.

Dust pans at 8 and 10c, crumb trays and brushes, fancy colors at 15c.

**Granite Ware.**

WASH BASINS—No. 6, 12c; No. 7, 14c; No. 8, 17c.

Dish Pans—14 qt. 89c, 17 qt. 49c.

Milk Pans—1 qt. 3c, 2 qt. 4c, 3 qt. 5c, 4 qt. 6c, 5 qt. 7c, 6 qt. 8c, 7 qt. 9c, 8 qt. 10c, 9 qt. 11c, 10 qt. 12c, 11 qt. 13c, 12 qt. 14c, 13 qt. 15c, 14 qt. 16c, 15 qt. 17c, 16 qt. 18c, 17 qt. 19c, 18 qt. 20c, 19 qt. 21c, 20 qt. 22c, 21 qt. 23c, 22 qt. 24c, 23 qt. 25c, 24 qt. 26c, 25 qt. 27c, 26 qt. 28c, 27 qt. 29c, 28 qt. 30c, 29 qt. 31c, 30 qt. 32c, 31 qt. 33c, 32 qt. 34c, 33 qt. 35c, 34 qt. 36c, 35 qt. 37c, 36 qt. 38c, 37 qt. 39c, 38 qt. 40c, 39 qt. 41c, 40 qt. 42c, 41 qt. 43c, 42 qt. 44c, 43 qt. 45c, 44 qt. 46c, 45 qt. 47c, 46 qt. 48c, 47 qt. 49c, 48 qt. 50c, 49 qt. 51c, 50 qt. 52c, 51 qt. 53c, 52 qt. 54c, 53 qt. 55c, 54 qt. 56c, 55 qt. 57c, 56 qt. 58c, 57 qt. 59c, 58 qt. 60c, 59 qt. 61c, 60 qt. 62c, 61 qt. 63c, 62 qt. 64c, 63 qt. 65c, 64 qt. 66c, 65 qt. 67c, 66 qt. 68c, 67 qt. 69c, 68 qt. 70c, 69 qt. 71c, 70 qt. 72c, 71 qt. 73c, 72 qt. 74c, 73 qt. 75c, 74 qt. 76c, 75 qt. 77c, 76 qt. 78c, 77 qt. 79c, 78 qt. 80c, 79 qt. 81c, 80 qt. 82c, 81 qt. 83c, 82 qt. 84c, 83 qt. 85c, 84 qt. 86c, 85 qt. 87c, 86 qt. 88c, 87 qt. 89c, 88 qt. 90c, 89 qt. 91c, 90 qt. 92c, 91 qt. 93c, 92 qt. 94c, 93 qt. 95c, 94 qt. 96c, 95 qt. 97c, 96 qt. 98c, 97 qt. 99c, 98 qt. 1.00, 99 qt. 1.01, 100 qt. 1.02.

**Sink Sprinklers.**

Tin Sprinklers—1 qt. 3c, 2 qt. 10c, 3 qt. 13c, 4 qt. 16c.

Japanned Sprinklers—2 qt. 13c, 4 qt. 16c, 6 qt. 20c.

Galvanized Sprinklers—4 qt. 13c, 6 qt. 16c, 8 qt. 20c, 10 qt. 24c, 12 qt. 28c, 14 qt. 32c, 16 qt. 36c, 18 qt. 40c, 20 qt. 44c, 22 qt. 48c, 24 qt. 52c, 26 qt. 56c, 28 qt. 60c, 30 qt. 64c, 32 qt. 68c, 34 qt. 72c, 36 qt. 76c, 38 qt. 80c, 40 qt. 84c, 42 qt. 88c, 44 qt. 92c, 46 qt. 96c, 48 qt. 1.00, 50 qt. 1.04, 52 qt. 1.08, 54 qt. 1.12, 56 qt. 1.16, 58 qt. 1.20, 60 qt. 1.24, 62 qt. 1.28, 64 qt. 1.32, 66 qt. 1.36, 68 qt. 1.40, 70 qt. 1.44, 72 qt. 1.48, 74 qt. 1.52, 76 qt. 1.56, 78 qt. 1.60, 80 qt. 1.64, 82 qt. 1.68, 84 qt. 1.72, 86 qt. 1.76, 88 qt. 1.80, 90 qt. 1.84, 92 qt. 1.88, 94 qt. 1.92, 96 qt. 1.96, 98 qt. 2.00, 100 qt. 2.04.

**Galvanized Ware.**

Galvanized Basins—No. 6, 8c; No. 7, 10c; No. 8, 12c.

Dipper for 7c, well bucket, 22c; water pail, 15 to 20c; foot tubs, 35 to 42c; 4 qt. oil cans 15c; large size tea kettles 89c.

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Egg whip 2c, spice scoop 2c, fish fork 3c, cake turner 3c, wire meat broiler 10c, wire vegetable boiler 10c, strainer 10c, fryer 12c, cream whip 10c, nutting grater 1c, extra large grater 10c, coffee pot stand 3c, wire dish covers 4c to 22c, potato mashers 3 to 5c, wire soap dish 3 and 5c, coffee strainer 3c, sport tea strainer 2c, butter milk strainer 5c, vegetable strainer 5c, wood spoons 2c, tin top lamp chimney stove, 8c, self-heating boiler 40c, coffee mills 19 to 45c.

**Wash Stand Sets.**

Consisting of extra large pitcher and bowl, nicely decorated, for 35c.

TEA KETTLES—Pressed from one piece of heavy tin, only 15c. No. 8, copper bottom, for 35c.

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White metal, spring heel frame, good quality lens, assorted sights, extra strong, for 5c.

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Wash basins 20 and 22c; Dish pans 40c; Coffee pots 49c; Tea pots 49c; Pie plates 10 and 12c; Milk pans 12 to 35c; Pudding pans 14 to 25c.

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